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Fall Symposium Preview

A CONVERSATION WITH
TRACY DISABATO-AUST

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DEBRA PRINZING

NHS MEMBERS and guests are invited to spend a productive and inspiring morning with Tracy DiSabato-Aust, author of the all-time bestseller from Timber Press, *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden*.

Drawing from the design fundamentals, color theory and landscape plans outlined in her new book, *The Well-Designed Mixed Border*, Tracy will lead us through her creative approach to planning and maintaining beds and borders. You'll go home motivated to adapt many of her principles for your own design projects!

In a recent telephone interview from her home outside Columbus, Ohio, Tracy shared her passion for composing a unified border that conveys one's personal design style and favorite plants. She enthusiastically shares this philosophy with her audiences. "We get into everything from consideration of the site to scale and proportion. We'll look at texture and form, art in the mixed garden and color in a big way."

Tracy will illustrate her two-part lecture with landscape examples from small, medium and large gardens. She'll draw from a major section of *The Well-Designed Mixed Border*, which is an encyclopedia of plant combinations (27 sample vignettes of compatible plants). Grouped for impact and eye-appeal, Tracy's compatible groupings reflect design considerations such as color values and textures.

One such combination featured in the book illustrates the



Tracy DiSabato-Aust

nuances of what makes certain groupings successful:

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snowflake' (oakleaf hydrangea) paired with *Actaea racemosa*

'Brunette' offers a high-contrast pairing with excellent textures for the garden. Moreover, Tracy offers tips on soil, light and maintenance issues for these two plants.

"A lot of people are still wrapped up in the herbaceous border, or annual beds, or the shrubbery. I want to give them license to go beyond that and see the advantages of seasons-long interest. Looking at foliage color, texture and form, or fruits from various shrubs is important. Yes, you love all those plants, but how can we pull it all together effectively?"

Tracy encourages garden-makers to "express who you are and where you are" when it comes to designing a border. "What do you like—cool or warm colors? Are you interested in the architectural appeal of bold-textured plants? You have to have some kind of focus, such as a peak season of interest, a color scheme, considerations for fragrance, texture or form," she notes.

Artwork also infuses a garden with personal style, Tracy points out.

"Encourage the eclectic nature. You can have a license to play!"

Tracy's lecture for NHS will encourage audiences to view the landscape in a new way. "I not only try to inspire, but give people the practical tools to do the design or have the knowledge and working language to express what they want in their own design," she says. 

REGISTER NOW!

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25

TIME: 8:30-11:30

LOCATION:

MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY

FEE: \$35 MEMBERS, \$45 NON-MEMBERS

Reservations:

Call (206) 527-1794;

e-mail nwhort@aol.com;or mail in the form
on the class insert

FALL PLANT SALE PREVIEW

THE ANNUAL NHS FALL PLANT SALE, scheduled for September 10th and 11th this year, will once again present dozens of specialty growers and nurseries representing the best of the Puget Sound region. Since fall can be one of the most opportune times to plant in the Pacific Northwest, this is a fantastic opportunity to find a wide assortment of choice plant material all in one spot.

SPECIALTY GROWERS

Over twenty-five specialty nurseries and growers will be attending the plant sale, with plenty of rare and unusual plants in tow. As you drag hoses and sprinklers around the garden this summer, what could be more fun than dreaming up a wish list for the autumn sale? Watch the Web site, northwesthort.org, and the fall issue of

Garden Notes for a complete list of vendors and some of the plants they will bring—just in case you need help making that list.

DESIGNER DEMONSTRATIONS

An added attraction to the plant sale this year will be “A Garden in Pots” featuring star professional designers of the area. Friday will focus on containers. A mobile stage will rove through the sale throughout the day. A variety of designers will use plants available from vendors and demonstrate a dizzying array of container combinations. Saturday will feature “Walk with a Garden Designer,” focusing on specific types of gardens. Gardens for shade, sun, wildlife, mixed

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1–6:30

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, 9–3

border, various soil types and dry conditions will be demonstrated by such notable garden designers as

Polly Hankin, Greg Graves, Richard Hartlage, Richard Greenberg and Lisa Irwin. Keep an eye on the NHS Web site, northwesthort.org, for updated demonstration schedules.

RECONSTRUCTION OF MERRILL HALL

The reconstruction of Merrill Hall—including the new Elisabeth C. Miller Library—will be nearing completion. The plant sale will take place in the large parking lot east of the center. This will be a fine opportunity to see the new building—although from a slight distance. 

SAN FRANCISCO GARDEN TOUR

NHS INVITES YOU to join us for a tour of gardens in the San Francisco area, Friday September 17th through Sunday, September 19th. The tour includes three full days of touring a phenomenally diverse group of private and public gardens.

The first day of the tour will be spent exploring private gardens in Berkeley (including Marsha Donohue and Keeyla Meadows) and Orinda. We will end the day with a visit to the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek.

The following day we travel south to Palo Alto and San Jose to visit two very different private gardens. The first is a Mediterranean-style garden designed by Bay Area designer Bernard Trainor. The second is the private garden of designer Cevan Forrist, recently featured in Thomas



The eclectic garden of artist Marcia Donohue never fails to inspire!

Hobbs's new book *The Jewel Box Garden*. We will also visit Filoli, a National Trust 654-acre estate built in 1917. From Filoli we will head north to Occidental, where we will stay for the night.

Sunday morning we start the day at Western Hills Nursery, a horticultural

mecca. The nursery has gardens to visit and plants to buy! From Western Hills we visit Hog Hill, the private garden of Mary and Lew Reid. This is a country garden in a magnificent location in the hills outside Sebastopol. The balance of the day will be spent in Sonoma at the Cornerstone Festival of Gardens. We will return to the San Francisco airport by 6 p.m.

Price for the three days, excluding airfare, is \$550.00 (double occupancy). This includes three nights accommodation; all entry fees; continental breakfast for Friday and Saturday; and lunch for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

At press time, few spaces remain due to an enthusiastic response from the Web site. You may e-mail your reservation to nwhort@aol.com or call Karin Kravitz at (206) 782-8172. 

2004 FALL PLANT SALE

ATTENTION NHS MEMBERS! WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers

All NHS members are invited to offer their time and talents to further the mission of the Northwest Horticultural Society.

The 2004 Annual Fall Plant Sale is scheduled for Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th.

We rely heavily on our generous volunteers to make this wonderful event happen, and we need YOU!

To volunteer, please use the sign up form below. The Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator, Joanne Quinn (jtquinn10@hotmail.com), will contact you this summer to confirm your assignment.

SET UP, FRIDAY ONLY, 8:00 – 12:30

Set up tables, assist growers, put out signs

FRIDAY AND/OR SATURDAY, 2 ½ HOUR SHIFTS

■ CASHIER

Handle plants, chat about plants. You DO NOT need to be a math whiz—the machine does all the figuring!

■ BOOK SELLER

Sell books—this job can be done seated and will be inside the NHS Hall facing the courtyard.

■ PARKING ATTENDANT

Very important job to keep customer traffic flowing lawfully and safely. You also get to use a really cool walkie-talkie!

■ SALES SLIPS

Handle plants, chat about plants. Tally all purchases before the buyer goes to the cashier.

■ ROAMING HELPERS

Help do whatever needs to be done.

■ MEMBER DONATIONS TABLE

This is the table that holds all member plant donations. Answer questions if you can and/or keep table stocked.

Member Plant Donations

While you're dividing your perennials, editing your garden beds and making overall changes in your garden this summer, plan to bring your extra plants to the NHS Fall Plant Sale. If you want to make donations contact either the NHS office or Renee Montgelas to receive plant labels, inventory sheets and delivery instructions.

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I want to VOLUNTEER to work at the 2004 Fall Plant Sale:

SET-UP, Friday 8:00—12:30 _____

CASHIER _____

BOOK SELLER _____

PARKING ATTENDANT _____

SALES SLIPS _____

ROAMING HELPER _____

DONATIONS TABLE _____

FRIDAY _____ SATURDAY _____

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OR E-MAIL:

Joanne Quinn: jtquinn10@hotmail.com

2004 SUMMER CLASSES

Watch our Web site for upcoming classes and events: www.northwesthort.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 10:00 A.M. —12:00 P.M.

HARDY FERNS WITH SUE OLSEN

Sue Olsen, owner of Foliage Gardens, a specialty fern nursery featuring hardy native and exotic ferns, will teach you how to identify, select and care for these beautiful garden ornamentals via display material, handouts and an explanatory garden tour. She will also discuss how to propagate these garden beauties. Sue is a founding member and first president of The Hardy Fern Foundation, currently edits their quarterly newsletter and has lectured on ferns throughout North America.

LOCATION: OLSEN GARDEN, BELLEVUE

FEE: MEMBERS: \$25.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$35.00 LIMIT: 10

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 10:00 A.M. —12:00 P.M.

NEW CULTIVARS OF OLD PLANTS WITH RICHIE STEFFEN

What's in vogue and stylish for the Seattle garden? Find out with Richie Steffen, Coordinator of Horticulture for the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden. He will show us the latest in new plants and give us ideas for using them in the garden.

LOCATION: MILLER BOTANICAL GARDEN, SHORELINE

FEE: MEMBERS: \$25.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$35.00 LIMIT: 15

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:00 A.M. —12:00 P.M.

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION WITH GARY WALLER

Gary Waller, AFID and floral designer at Molbak's, will take you into the award-winning urban garden he and Greg Graves have created on Capitol Hill and show you how to go into your own house and garden and find the elements to create marvelous and exciting flower arrangements.

LOCATION: GRAVES/WALLER GARDEN, CAPITOL HILL

FEE: MEMBERS: \$25.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$35.00 LIMIT: 10

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 10:30 A.M. —12:30 P.M.

FOUNDATION PLANTS FOR GARDEN ARRANGEMENTS WITH JUDY THOMAS

This is your opportunity to visit and tour the beautiful country garden of concrete artist and floral designer Judy Thomas and learn fifteen of her favorite plants to use as basic foundation components in your own fabulous floral designs. All of the plants she uses are easily grown in your own garden. When the class is over Judy would be happy to take anyone that is interested on a five minute drive to Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Gardens (bassettisgardens.com), a nursery specializing in dwarf conifers and featuring sculpture by local artists.

LOCATION: THOMAS GARDEN, WOODINVILLE

FEE: MEMBERS: \$25.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$35.00 LIMIT: 20

All proceeds from classes given in the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden benefit NHS and not the Miller Garden.

Reservations Necessary: Call (206) 527-1794 or e-mail nwhort@aol.com

Please register me for the following classes:

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Ferns, June 16 th	_____	_____
New Cultivars, June 23 rd	_____	_____
Garden Arrangements, June 26 th	_____	_____
Foundation Plants, July 20 th	_____	_____
Tracy DiSabato-Aust, August 25 th	_____	_____

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AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS! WE WENT OVER THE TOP

THE NINTH ANNUAL NHS Garden Party and Auction, held on May 2nd for the benefit of the Elisabeth C. Miller Library, was a fabulous party and a big financial success. More than 200 enthusiastic guests enjoyed the terrific food provided by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes, and most went home with new treasures won from the incredible variety of exciting auction items.

The auction raised a total of \$55,000, meeting and surpassing the goal set in 2001 to provide \$200,000 for new library furnishings. Auction proceeds also added \$16,000 to the NHS endowment fund for the Miller Library, which provides an annual distribution to the library's operating fund. The Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation matched an additional \$16,500 in funds to provide building enhancements for the library.

The new layout featuring tables of eight for the live auction and dinner, with silent auctions in the courtyard and in the tent-room, created a stimulating and competitive bidding atmosphere. There were extraordinary plants and plant collections, beautifully planted containers and garden ornaments, and personalized garden tours paired with breakfasts, lunches, dinners and teas.

The live auction was the liveliest it has ever been. Screams from NHS Hall could almost be heard at Huskey Stadium as the bidding became intense. Live auction items included a custom-built table planted with a collection of rare ferns, wildly painted garden chairs, a Peter Rabbit-themed child's playhouse, a handmade quilt with a flower motif, elephant-sized container plants, blown-glass goblets, and an inspirational selection of wine.



Guests enjoying the silent auctions in the tent.



Richie Steffen and Davin Fitzgerald in the Peter Rabbit house during the live auction.

The highlight of the live auction bidding was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the Wind River Forest from above the forest in a 25-story crane with Tom Hinckley. Tom, who has spent the last twenty years studying this area north of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, also offered to take the winning bidder on a tour of Mount St. Helens. As the bidding war for this item intensified, the price soaring ever higher, Tom generously donated a second tour. These two tours alone raised over \$10,000 for the library.

Pat Riehl, NHS president and auction chairperson, deserves much of the credit



Jerry Toner, auctioneer, encouraging bidders during the silent auction.

for making the auction a huge success. Under her guidance, a host of enthusiastic volunteers, donors and auction guests banded together to fulfill NHS's commitment to raise \$200,000 for the library. Pat offers them her compliments: "The success of this auction plus all the previous auctions would not be possible without the hard work of volunteers and the generosity of both donors and attendees," she says. "All of us should feel proud to have made refurbishing the Miller Library a reality. Thank you for making it all possible. Now we wait for the library to be finished in the fall. See you there." 

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